In November, 2003 the National Parmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) have issued notices to the following companies for recovery of 50% of the overcharged amount in respect of the bulk drugs shown against each of the period from July, 2000 to July, 2003:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Name of the Company	50% of Overcharged amount to be recovered as per the Supreme Court Order dated 1.8.2003 (Rs.)
1.	Norfloxacin	M/s. Ranbaxy Ltd.	8,080,942
2.	Cloxacillin	M/s. Ranbaxy Ltd.	7,99,685
3.	Norfloxacin	M/s. Cipla Ltd.	257,209,232
4.	Ciprofloxacin	M/s. Cipla Ltd.	239,558,166
5.	Salbutamol	M/s. Cipla Ltd.	270,810,727
6.	Theophyline	M/s. Okasa Pharma Ltd.	5,894,815
7.	Cloxacillin	M/s. Okasa Pvt. Ltd.	119,262,500

M/s. Ranbaxy Labs has deposited Rs. 23,47,00,748/- (Rupees Twenty three crores forty seven lakhs seven hundred forty eight only) being the 50% of the overcharged amount in the sale of Ciprofloxacin based formulations for the period upto June, 2000.

Appropriate measures as per law will be taken against the defaulters.

Annual saving by decrease in cost of production

† 378. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of production of Urea Producing Units will come down by using gas in place of Naphtha as fuel;

(b) if so, to what extent the cost of production is estimated to be decreased; and

(c) extent to which the annual savings are assessed to be accrued following the decrease in cost of production assuming the existing production capacity as basis thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) Switchover of non-gas based urea units to Natural Gas (NGVLiquefied Natural Gas (LNG) will result in substantial savings in the subsidy on account of cost of feedstock and resultant energy savings. The exact quantum of the savings will depend on the delivered price of NG/LNG and its quality in terms of its composition.

Animal disease

379. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of dreaded animals disease foot and mouth have been reported from periphery of reserve forest of Corbett National Park;

(b) if so the number of cases reported so far;

(c) the effective steps taken to avert spreading of disease; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Incidence of foot and mount disease have been reported only in few livestock in the peripheral Kalagarh area of the Corbett Tiger Reserve. To prevent spread of this disease, the management has resorted to prophylactic immunization of livestock in the area.